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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER PAHR ON PLO STATUS IN VIENNA

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1. FOLLOWING ACCREDITATION OF GHAZI HUSSEIN (SPELLING AS RELEASED TO PRESS) AS PLO OBSERVER TO UNIDO ON FEBRUARY 8, AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PAHR WAS ASKED IN JANUARY 9 TV INTERVIEW ABOUT STATUS THIS ACTION ACCORDS PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN VIENNA. PAHR SAID ONLY STATUS CONFERRED WAS THAT DETERMINED BY UNIDO OFFICIAL SEAT AGREEMENT, WHICH REQUIRES HOST GOVERNMENT TO GRANT TO SUCH AN OBSERVER DELEGATION, IN PRINCIPLE, THE RIGHT TO FREE COMMUNICATION WITH THAT ORGANIZATION ON THE ONE HAD AND WITH DELEGATIONS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES ON THE OTHER. HE SAID PLO DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA POSSES DIFFERENT STATUS ON BASIS OF SPEICIAL AGREEMENTS AND INDICATED, IN THIS RESPECT, THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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PLO HAD NOT REQUESTED QUASI-DIPLOMATIC STATUS FOR ITS OBSERVER IN VIENNA.

2. ASKED IF HE DID NOT FEAR UNDERGROUND WARS IN VIENNA BETWEEN PALESTINIANS AND POSSIBLE SECRET SERVICES OF VARIOUS STATES AS HAD OCCURRED IN PARIS, PAHR EXPRESSED HOPE "THAT THE PLO WILL NOT MISUSE THE RIGHT OF

HOSPITALITY IT ENJOYS IN AUSTRIA AS AN OBSERVER WITH AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION", AND ALSO THAT AUSTRIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES WOULD BE IN POSITION TO PREVENT SUCH THINGS. MEEHAN

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